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1. MINISTER S.P. BOTHA, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. WHELPTON AND HIS WIFE, ARRIVE NEW YORK, SUNDAY MAY 18 AT 1335 ON PA-101. DEPART NEW YORK AT 1500 ON AL-451, ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 1537. THEY PLAN DEPART USA JUNE 16 FOR RIO.

2. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW :
MINISTER INTERESTED VISITING US CONGRESS; OBSERVING AMERICAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM, IF POSSIBLE (IS THERE AN APPROPRIATE MAYORAL OR OTHER LOCAL ELECTION TAKING PLACE?); LEARNING ABOUT ROLE OF CONSERVATION GROUPS IN US, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO WATER AND FOREST RESOURCES; MOST INTERESTED IN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION ASPECTS OF US - TV AND RADIO. INTERESTED FARMING, PARTICULARLY IN BEEF, CATTLE RANCHING, FEED LOTS (HAS SOME CONNECTION WITH KING RANCH IN TEXAS); MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WOULD LIKE VISIT OIL WELL IF POSSIBLE. PROFESSIONALLY HE WANTS EMPHASIS ON FORESTRY AS APPOSED WATER AFFAIRS. INTERESTED IN FOREST SERVICES; FOREST FIRE-FIGHTING AND CONTROL. REGARDING WATER AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE VISIT US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN DENVER, CALIFORNIA WATER SYSTEMS IN LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO. WOULD LIKE OBSERVE WATER POWER: HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM SITES, SUCH AS HOOVER, GLEN CANYON, NIAGARA AND TVA.

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EM MINISTER BOTHA WANTS PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED AT MODERATE

PACE. HE IS INTERESTED IN HOME HOSPITALITY.

4. MRS. BOTHA INTERESTED IN ALL ASPECTS OF CULTURE, SUCH
AS CONCERTS, MUSEUMS, AND SHE WILL BE JOINED BY MRS. WHELPTON.
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